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Mr. Harold Weisberg,
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

It has occurred to me that I should supplement my letter of this morning by another giving you a little additional, pertinent information which should prove of real interest and possible value. At least it will prove that I have been at this matter for a long time.

The Warren Report was, as you knew, signed by the 'seven' and delivered to President Johnson on 24 September 1964. You will, too, perhaps, recall that a couple of days later the report was 'leaked' and the papers had quite a comprehensive epitomization. Upon reading this, I was filled with a feeling of chagrin and complete disbelief at such an incomprehensible document. So much so, in fact, that on the next day, 29 September 1964, I addressed a letter to Mr. McGeorge Bundy - this was, primarily with regard to a talk I had given, months before, to a group of old-timers (riflemen) like myself which was entitled "4.8 - 5.6 Seconds".

Under date of 1 October 1964, I received what was supposed to be a 'reply' from Mr. J. Lee Rankin. Other letters followed but about the only result was a copy of the Warren Report which Mr. Rankin had sent to me.

Many times I have been tempted to 'go after' the report as you and the other writers have done but decided to confine myself to the matter of the actual shooting and, as one shooting-pal said, instead of calling my lecture, as noted above - "4.8 - 5.6 Seconds" - I should have entitled it "A Rifleman Reacts, Violently, To The Warren Report". We, who have spent a long life-time with rifles, are quite aware of the fact that bullets can do some very strange things but we also knew that there are some things which they will NOT do under any circumstances. For many years I was regarded as the fastest man with a bolt-action but I'll admit I could never have got off three perfectly aimed shots in five seconds even at the ridiculous range of under one hundred yards - point-blank, pure and simple.

Sincerely,

G. Norman Albree